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FOR MEADOWS: PASS TO MEADOWS AT 0700 JAN 15 AT ~~HOTEL~~

1. Abrams (Rome) informed Department by phone January 14, that Santini delivered letter addressed to Meadows, which being air-pouched Department. Letter restated Italian arguments on multiple designation and indicated GOI desirous renewing negotiations in Rome February 3. Abrams will call Meadows early January 15 at hotel to ask Meadows evaluation whether it appears possible to resume negotiations February 3.

2. Department believes desirable that new USG draft statement on multiple designation be made available to Santini prior to resumption negotiations. Statement not yet fully cleared but presently being considered is as follows:

"The United States and Italian Delegations recognized that, persuant to the provisions of Article 3 of the US-Italian Air Transport Services Agreement, initialed ad referendum, in Rome in February 1969, each Covernment has the right to desi(nate

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a carrier or carriers on the routes granted to that country under the Agreement. The US Delegation stated that notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3 mentioned above, it was not the intention of the USG to allow more than three US carriers to operate to Italy from New York, Boston, Chicago, and Los Angeles.

"The Italian Delegation noted specifically that the Italian carrier intended to commence operations from Italy to Atlanta and Dallas in the near future, and asked if the USG had any intention of authorizing US carrier services on that route. The US Delegation stated that at the present time no US carrier is certificated on that route, but that either current or future certification action might result in the establishment of US flag services on that route by carriers, whether now serving or not when serving Italy."

3. Department urgently requests views of Meadows and Embassy Rome on above statement. Dept believes that Santini should be told that reply will be made to his letter ASAP. END (For Rome: In view this message, Dept will not telephone Abrams as discussed). End.

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